

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On June 28, 2018 at 6:00 PM, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed MRC Pit Mine (permit application I-002168) in Dorchester County. The hearing will be held in the cafeteria of the Harleyville Elementary School located at 1650

E. Main St, Dorchester, SC 29437. The public hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide DHEC their comments, views, and information about the application being considered. The public hearing is formal and provides the opportunity for interested persons to have their comments recorded by a court reporter. Beginning at 5:30 PM, DHEC will be available prior to and after the hearing to answer questions.

Austin Construction Company, Inc. has applied for a permit to mine sand/clay at a site in Dorchester County (TMS #075-00-00-073). The proposed MRC Pit Mine site is approximately 5.25 miles northwest of Ridgeville, SC. Specifically the site is located south of US Highway 178 (East Main Street) 0.25 mile southeast of its junction with SC Secondary Highway S-8-25 (School House Road). A proposed reclamation plan to restore the site to a pond has been submitted with the application.

The public is encouraged to review the mine permit application documents, updated mine maps, and draft permit to prepare for the public hearing. Information concerning this application can be found under I-002168 on the Public Notice/ Mining Program site of the SCDHEC webpage (<http://www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Environment/PublicNotices/SearchAndDisplay/Display/8528>).

Anyone interested is welcomed to come and learn about the proposed operation and take the opportunity to have their comments recorded by a court reporter. Written comments will also be accepted.

If you have any disabilities or special needs, contact Wendy Hamilton at least one week prior to this date to discuss any special services required. For any questions, contact Wendy Hamilton at 803-898-1368.

DHEC encourages and welcomes comments through July 18, 2018, the end of the comment period. All comments received will be considered before final permit decisions are made. Additional comments can be mailed to:

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